

The Big Top Goes Up At Caesars Palace For "Circus Of The Stars" TV Taping



Lisa Aliff
"You Can't Take It With You"

Caesars Place welcomes more than two dozen television and movie personalities October 9-12 for the TV taping of the "11th Annual Circus of the Stars."

One of the most consistently popular television variety specials, "Circus of the Stars" features well known show business performers in circus acts which are usually very different from their professional roles.

The October taping is scheduled to include Olympic ice skating champion Dorothy Hamill in an elephant act. "Punky Brewster" star Ami Foster, "Silver Spoons" star Alfonso Ribeiro and "Head of the Class" star Leslie Bega will show off months of work on the high wire. "Falcon Crest" heartthrob Lorenzo Lamas will step into an arena to tame 11 tigers. Dee Wallace Stone, who portrayed Elliot's mother in "E.T." and is in TV's "Together We Stand," will do aerial stunts in a revolving moon-shaped trapeze. And swinging high through the air with the greatest of ease will be Shannen Doherty ("Our House") and Pat Petersen ("Knots Landing").



TV Music Show Host Dick Clark

Ernie Reyes, Jr. ("Sidekicks") and Scott Grimes ("Together We Stand") will perform an act called "Russian Swing" -- one which Executive Producer Bob Stivers spotted while doing some scouting in Europe. "Russian Swing" has the pair on a large swing mounted between two pipes high above floor level. Reyes and Grimes will pump the swing and use its momentum to do acrobatic stunts in much the same way teeter boards have been used in circus performances -- flipping onto a chair mounted on a pole 15 feet high, and the like.

Most of the action takes place in the Caesars Palace Pavilion, but a few acts are planned in the area outside the hotel. "The Guiding Light" actress Krista Tesreau is slated to ride a motorcycle on a wire from the Caesars swimming pool to a platform on the sixth floor level of the hotel. Olympic diving medalist Greg Louganis will run around the outside of a Wheel of Death, several stories high.

Other stars scheduled are Deborah Shelton ("Dallas"), actress Britt Ekland, Doug Barr ("The Wizard"), Alan Thicke ("Growing Pains"), Mary



Krista Tesreau
"The Guiding Light"

Hart ("Entertainment Tonight"), Anita Morris ("Ruthless People"), Merv Griffin and Dick Clark.

Audience tickets for each taping segment are free to the public. Tickets must be picked up in person no sooner than one day in advance at the Caesars Palace Olympic Box Office. No advance reservations.

Senate Approves States Rights To Increase Speed Limit To Over 55

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Senate has approved an amendment to the Highway Authorization Act which would give individual states the right to increase the current 55 mph speed limit on rural interstates. The legislation cosponsored by Nevada Senator Chic Hecht and Idaho Senator Steve Symms was approved by a vote of 56-36.

"I'm pleased we finally were able to convince the full Senate that this is totally a states rights issue, and I'm optimistic the amendment will survive a conference with the House," Hecht said.

During debate on the floor of the Senate, Hecht observed that although highway speeds have been increasing, fatality rates have been declining. Hecht said, "I want to emphasize that my amendment simply allows the states the right to set speed limits up to 65 mph on highways they deem appropriate."

Hecht said President Reagan's support for returning speed limit authority to the states played a crucial role in the favorable Senate vote.

The Nevada Senator had also pushed an amendment to allow states the authority to raise speeds up to 65 mph on rural highways, but that bill was defeated 60-36. "The important thing is that we are going to let the governors and the legislatures decide which highways are safe for higher speeds," Hecht said.

The Senate also approved an amendment by Senator Hecht which reauthorizes the programs under the Urban Mass Transportation Act through 1990, and provides for minor modification of programs to help them operate more efficiently. Hecht is chairman of the Housing and Urban Affairs Subcommittee which has jurisdiction over mass transit programs.

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